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CENSUS OF THE COMMONWEALTH, 30TH JUNE, 1954.

No.31 : CLASSES OF OCCUPIED DWELLINGS : AUSTRALIA.

This statement shows the numbers of occupied dwellings in each State and Territory of Australia, according to class of dwelling at the Censuses of 30th June, 1954 and 1947.

Final 1954 Census totals for occupied dwellings for each State and Territory are given for the first time herein.

For the purpose of the Census, a "dwelling" is any habitation occupied by a household group living together as a domestic unit, whether comprising the whole or only part of a building.

"Occupied dwellings" are classified into private and other dwellings.

"Private dwellings" comprise mainly private houses (including sheds, huts, cottages, etc. used for dwelling purposes), shares of private houses, flats and rooms, apartments etc. In previous Censuses dwellings returned on the Schedules as sheds, huts, cottages, etc. were included with private houses. In the Census of 1954, these dwellings are shown in tabulations as a separate group wherever practicable, but are linked with private houses to preserve continuity with past Census results. Separate particulars are shown in the 1947 Census publications for private houses which were shared by two or more family units and for which only one Householder's Schedule was received, but in 1954 these dwellings were included with private houses.

"Share of Private House" is a portion of a shared private house which is occupied separately and for which portion a separate Householder's Schedule was furnished.

"Flat" is part of a house or other building which can be completely closed off from the rest of the building which includes both cooking and bathing facilities.

"Other" private dwelling is an apartment, room(s), etc., which is part of a building, but is not a self-contained unit.

"Dwellings other than Private" include Hotels, Boarding Houses, Lodging Houses, Hostels, Hospitals, Educational, Religious and Charitable Institutions, Defence and Penal establishments, etc.

All figures shown herein are exclusive of dwellings occupied solely by full-blooded aboriginals.

The total number of occupied dwellings in Australia at the Census of 30th June, 1954, showed an increase of 24.8 per cent. over the corresponding figure for the 1947 Census. Occupied private houses increased by 27.1 per cent., flats by 14.4 per cent., and all occupied private dwellings by 25.1 per cent. Occupied dwellings other than private dwellings increased by 7.8 per cent.

State percentage increases in total occupied dwellings over 1947 figures were:- South Wales 22.3 per cent., Victoria 25.3 per cent., Queensland 24.7 per cent., South Australia 27.8 per cent., Western Australia 30.5 per cent., and Tasmania 26.1 per cent. Increase in the Australian Capital Territory was 96.9 per cent., and in the Northern Territory 27.1 per cent.

At the 1954 Census private houses constituted 86.4 per cent. of all occupied dwellings in Australia, flats 5.4 per cent., shares of private houses 4.5 per cent., all private dwellings 98.4 per cent., and dwellings other than private 1.6 per cent. At the 1947 Census the proportions were:- private houses 84.8 per cent., flats 5.8 per cent., shares 5.6 per cent., all private dwellings 98.2 per cent., and dwellings other than private 1.8 per cent.

OCCUPIED DWELLINGS ACCORDING TO CLASS, IN EACH STATE AND TERRITORY,

CENSUS - 1954 AND 1947.

(Exclusive of Dwellings occupied solely by full-blood Aboriginals)

Class of Occupied Dwelling (a)	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aborig.
CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1954.									
Private Dwellings -									
Private House -									
House	740,946	566,779	291,755	189,521	140,383	69,103	2,106	6,278	2,006
Shed, Hut, etc.	24,799	5,742	9,117	2,345	4,480	1,612	941	112	49
Total	765,745	572,521	300,872	191,866	144,863	70,715	3,047	6,390	2,056
Share of Private									
House	41,471	34,140	8,183	12,056	7,487	3,529	47	303	107
Flat	68,620	28,148	16,771	5,674	5,257	2,534	107	309	127
Other	24,323	16,064	7,057	2,499	1,889	869	36	29	52
Total	900,159	650,873	332,883	212,095	159,496	77,647	3,237	7,031	2,312
Private Dwellings									
Dwellings other than									
Private -									
Caretaker's Quarters	554	378	188	107	156	58	6	9	1
Hotel	2,000	1,650	1,198	577	445	292	23	7	6
Boarding House etc.	7,227	6,195	2,086	1,585	1,594	500	43	41	19
Educational Institution	562	254	179	89	127	43	2	6	1
Religious Institution (non-educational)	80	57	22	13	20	4	1	-	-
Hospital	473	380	202	170	138	59	6	1	1
Charitable Institution (other than Hospital)	160	125	69	56	69	22	9	-	-
Other	1,662	778	2,501	609	778	164	100	23	6
Total Dwellings other than Private	12,718	9,817	6,445	3,206	3,327	1,142	190	87	36
Total	912,877	660,690	339,328	215,301	162,823	78,789	3,427	7,118	2,380
Occupied Dwellings									

CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1947.

Private Dwellings -									
Private House (including Shed, Hut, etc.)	613,310	449,357	240,292	144,459	110,576	54,401	2,495	3,162	1,618
Share of Private									
House	38,371	33,542	8,842	14,461	5,969	4,536	33	257	106
Flat	64,450	23,046	12,464	5,176	4,021	2,064	64	114	111
Other	16,379	11,890	5,868	2,022	1,512	461	-	29	38
Total	732,510	517,835	267,466	166,118	122,078	61,462	2,592	3,562	1,873
Private Dwellings									
Dwellings other than									
Private -									
Caretaker's Quarters	745	469	238	98	124	53	8	6	1
Hotel	2,026	1,676	1,251	588	454	292	23	6	6
Boarding House etc.	9,205	6,426	2,119	1,283	1,581	509	29	29	21
Educational Institution	508	243	155	73	106	38	1	4	1
Religious Institution (non-educational)	69	42	13	9	11	4	-	-	-
Hospital	567	363	200	169	143	54	6	2	1
Charitable Institution (other than Hospital)	134	89	63	45	47	17	11	-	-
Other	579	263	540	155	223	55	27	6	1
Total Dwellings other than Private	13,833	9,571	4,579	2,420	2,689	1,022	105	53	34
Total	746,343	527,406	272,045	168,538	124,767	62,484	2,697	3,615	1,907
Occupied Dwellings									

(a) See definitions and explanatory matter on previous page.

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